

performance of official business shall be paid an allowance to be established by the department or establishment concerned not to exceed the expense required to be incurred by them in order to obtain their commission from and after January 1, 1955.

SEC. 2. Funds available to the departments and establishments of the Federal Government and the municipal government of the District of Columbia for personal services or general administrative expenses shall be available to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act may be cited as the "Notaries Public Expense Act of 1955".

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 682

CHAPTER 555

July 11, 1956
(S. 2091)

AN ACT

Authorizing the reconstruction, enlargement, and extension of the bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Rock Island, Illinois.

Bridge recon-
struction.
Rock Island, Ill.

52 Stat. 110.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the city of Rock Island, Illinois, or its assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River at or near Rock Island, Illinois, and to a place at or near the city of Davenport, Iowa", approved March 18, 1938, is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately after "That" and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) The city of Rock Island, Illinois, or any State or political subdivision thereof which may have acquired the bridge constructed pursuant to the subsection (a) of this section, is hereby authorized, subject to the prior approval of the plans by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of the Army, to reconstruct and enlarge such bridge and to reconstruct, enlarge, and extend the approaches to such bridge, including, but not limiting the generality of the foregoing, the altering, widening, laying out, opening, or constructing of any streets, avenues, or boulevards within or without any municipality deemed necessary by said city, or any State, public agency, or political subdivision that may take over or acquire said bridge in order to provide adequate traffic regulations and approach or approaches to the said bridge: *Provided,* That such approaches shall include only those necessary portions of streets, avenues, and boulevards which are directly connected with the bridge, or which are located immediately adjacent thereto, and whose principal use is to provide access to the bridge."

SEC. 2. Section 2 of such Act of March 18, 1938, is amended by inserting "(including reconstructing, enlarging, and extending such bridge and its approaches)" after "and its approaches".

SEC. 3. Section 4 of such Act of March 18, 1938, is amended to read as follows:

Rates of toll.

"SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches (including the reasonable cost of reconstructing, enlarging, and extending such bridge and its approaches) under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the completion of the reconstruction, enlargement, and extension of

such bridge and its approaches as provided in subsection (b) of the first section of this Act. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls in accordance with such arrangement as may be agreed upon by the city of Rock Island, Illinois, or its assigns, and the State highway departments or other appropriate agencies of the States of Iowa and Illinois. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches; the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same; the expenditures for reconstructing, enlarging, and extending the same; and all of the daily tolls collected shall be available for the information of all persons interested."

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 683

CHAPTER 556

AN ACT

To authorize the charging of tolls for transit over the Manette Bridge in Bremerton, Washington.

July 11, 1956
[S. 2712]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to W. E. Buell, of Seattle, Washington, to construct a bridge across Port Washington Narrows within the city of Bremerton in the State of Washington", approved June 14, 1926 (44 Stat. 744), authority is hereby granted to the Washington Toll Bridge Authority as an agency of the State of Washington to fix and charge tolls over the bridge constructed pursuant to such Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Manette Bridge").

Manette Bridge,
Bremerton, Wash.
Tolls.

SEC. 2. The rates of the tolls authorized by the first section of this Act shall be so adjusted that the amounts collected from the tolls on the Manette Bridge together with the amounts collected from the tolls imposed on not more than one additional bridge hereafter to be constructed by such Authority adjacent to the Manette Bridge and across Port Washington Narrows from within the city of Bremerton, Washington, will provide (a) a fund sufficient to pay the cost of the maintenance and operation of both such bridges, and (b) a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of reconstructing and improving the Manette Bridge and of constructing such additional bridge and the approaches thereto, including interest and financing costs, within a period of not more than thirty years after the date such reconstruction, or construction and improvement is commenced, whichever first occurs. After there has been collected from such tolls an amount sufficient to provide such funds, the bridges shall be maintained and operated free of tolls.

Rates of tolls.

Approved July 11, 1956.

Public Law 684

CHAPTER 557

AN ACT

To authorize adjustment, in the public interest, of rentals under leases entered into for the provision of commercial recreational facilities at the Clark Hill Reservoir.

July 11, 1956
[S. 3214]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Army, is

Clark Hill Res-
ervoir.